

REMARKS

The Office Action has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. Claims 1, 20-21, and 23 are canceled. Claims 4, 6, 9, 13-15, and 18 are amended. No claims are added. Thus, claims 2, 4, and 6-19 remain pending and are submitted for reconsideration.

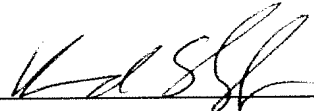
Claims 9, 14, and 18 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9, 14, and 18 have been so rewritten. Claims 2, 4, 6-8, 10-13, 15-17, and 19 depend from either claim 9, 14, or 18, and are allowable for at least the same reasons without regard to the further patentable features contained therein. For at least these reasons, allowance of claims 2, 4, and 6-19 is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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